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For Tom Barrett

**MAYOR SHARPE JAMES ON THE UNVEILING OF
THE NEW MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM'S SITE PLANS**

I am very excited about these plans and this new site. This time next year, I expect to be throwing out a baseball for the new, Newark Bears in this gorgeous new, state-of-the art baseball stadium. The stadium will be the northern anchor for Newark's waterfront development project and will be linked via New Jersey's new rail link directly to the airport and all the rail lines that serve Newark. These wonderful mass transit connections, combined with the stadium's easy access to major highways and strategic location in downtown Newark, create a win, win situation for New Jersey's largest city and put us in a league with Cleveland and Baltimore, whose comeback as major American cities has been tied to the development of arts and sports centers.